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2. (Amended) The method according to Claim 1, wherein 50% or more of said killed fibroblasts are separated from the culture vessel.

3. (Amended) The method according to Claim 1, wherein said killed fibroblasts are separated from the culture vessel entirely.

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4. (Amended) The method according to Claim 1, wherein said fibroblasts are killed by at least one treatment selected from the group consisting of freezing, drying and irradiating.

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5. (Amended) The method according to Claim 1, wherein said fibroblasts are killed by at least one selected from the group consisting of β ray, γ ray, X-ray, electron beam and UV ray.

6. (Amended) The method according to Claim 1, wherein said killing step of fibroblasts comprises repeating one treatment selected from the group consisting of freezing, drying and irradiating.

7. (Amended) The method according to Claim 1, wherein said killing step of fibroblasts comprises repeating exposure to at least one selected from the group consisting of β ray, γ ray, electron beam, UV ray and X-ray.

8. (Amended) The method according to Claim 1, wherein said fibroblasts are killed by a combination of at least two treatments selected from the group consisting of freezing, drying and irradiating.

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9. (Amended) The method according to Claim 1, wherein fibroblasts are killed by at least one selected from the group consisting of β ray, γ ray, electron beam, UV ray and X-ray.

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10. (Twice Amended) The method according to Claim 1, wherein said fibroblasts are 3T3 mouse embryo fibroblasts.

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11. (Amended) The method according to Claim 1, wherein said target cells are epithelial cells.

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12. (Amended) The method according to Claim 11, in which said epithelial cells are epidermal cells.

13. (Amended) The method according to Claim 1, wherein said target cells are hepatic cells.

14. (Amended) An epidermal cell sheet prepared from target epidermal cells cultured using the method according to Claim 1.

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15. (Amended) An epidermal cell suspension prepared from target epidermal cells cultured
using the method according to Claim 1.
